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BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague and smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, September 30:

Two weeks ended September 25. Vessels inspected and bills of health issued: September 14, the British steamship *Italian Prince*, for New York, with coffee, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; on the same date the British steamship *Ethalstan*, for Port Eads, in water ballast, with no passengers and with 2 new members of the crew signed on here; on the same date the Brazilian steamship *Goyaz* for New York, in general cargo and with 17 cabin and 3 steerage passengers, and with entire crew signed on here, the home port of this vessel; September 18, the British steamship *Verdi*, for New York, in coffee and general cargo, with 21 cabin and 9 steerage passengers, and with no change in the crew personnel; September 20, the German steamship *Galicia*, for New York, with no passengers, and with no change in the crew, in coffee cargo; September 24, the British steamship *Coquet*, for New Orleans, with coffee, no passengers and no change in the crew personnel; and on the same date the British steamship *Torr Head*, for Tampa, in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the personnel of the crew. No other vessels requiring inspection left this port during the period under report.

Total estimated population of Rio de Janeiro, 811,443. Census population, 1907, 628,675.

Week ended September 19. Total deaths 224. No deaths nor cases due to yellow fever or plague. Smallpox caused no deaths, but there were 4 new cases reported. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastiao, 10 cases of smallpox and 2 of plague under treatment, and 31 suspicious cases of illness held for observation.

Week ended September 26. Total deaths 226. No cases nor deaths due to yellow fever. Plague caused 1 death, with 1 new reported case. Smallpox caused no deaths, but there were 3 new cases reported. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastiao, 7 cases of smallpox and 2 of plague under treatment, and 37 cases of suspicious illness held for observation.

CHINA.

Reports from Amoy—Inspection of vessels—Cholera, plague, and smallpox—Quarantine against arrivals from Amoy at ports in the Netherland Indies removed.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Foster reports, September 13 and 20:

Week ended September 11. One bill of health issued.

September 7, the British steamship *Taisang*, with 65 in crew, 22 cabin and 27 steerage passengers for Manila, was granted an original bill of health. Two Chinese were rejected. The crew and steerage passengers were bathed and their clothing was disinfected by steam. All on board were inspected at the time of sailing. Manifests were viséed for 343 pieces of freight. Vessel anchored in the stream while in port.

During the week ended September 11, there were 46 deaths from plague, 19 from cholera, and 1 from smallpox in Amoy.

September 6, the following notice was issued by the consul for the Netherlands: The Government of the Netherland Indies has removed the quarantine on vessels arriving from Amoy.

Week ended September 18. There were no bills of health issued from this office.

During the week there were 40 deaths from plague and 20 from cholera in Amoy.

Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Examination of emigrants—Inspection and fumigation of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports, September 13 and 21:

Week ended September 11. Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on July 17, 1909. Governments of Madras, Chefoo, and Newchwang have removed the quarantine restrictions against Hongkong.

Aliens for Honolulu and Pacific coast ports.—Examined, 285; rejected, 34.

Aliens for Philippine Islands.—Examined, 7; rejected, 2.

Vessels inspected and fumigated.—Inspected, 10; fumigated to destroy rats, 1.

Week ended September 18. Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported.

Aliens for Honolulu and Pacific coast ports.—Examined, 15; rejected, 6.

Aliens for Philippine Islands.—Examined, 13; rejected, 6.

Inspection of vessels.—Vessels granted bills of health, 12; bills of health granted, without inspection, to the U. S. cruisers *Charleston*, *Cleveland*, *Denver*, and *Galveston*, with a total personnel of 1,876; vessels fumigated to destroy rats, 5.

Reports from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Cholera in Korea—Cholera at Hankow.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, September 22 and 28:

Week ended September 18. One original and 3 supplemental bills of health granted to 4 steamships, the aggregate personnel of which amounted to 1,236. Inspected 2 vessels, 113 members of crew, and 52 steerage passengers. Bathed 60 members of crew and 49 steerage passengers, and their effects, numbering 165 pieces, were disinfected by steam. The forecandle of one vessel was rendered mechanically clean. Manifests were viséed for 15,515 pieces of freight. There were examined and passed 52 emigrants for the United States (San Francisco per steamship *Korea*), while 10 were recommended for rejection on account of trachoma. This constitutes a record for emigrants from Shanghai. There has been a steady increase in the number of emigrants for the United States for some weeks. The passengers are chiefly British Indians.

The United States cruiser *Chattanooga* was in this port 3 days, en route to Manila. The vessel anchored at Woosung, and no liberty ashore was allowed to anyone but the surgeon. An original bill of